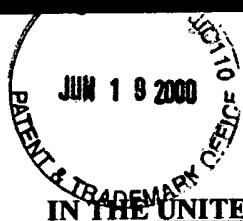


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Serial No. : 09/041,538 Examiner : A. Singh  
Filed : March 11, 1998  
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

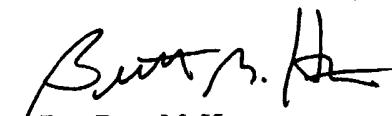
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SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 10, 1999, attached please find the enclosed proposed amendment to FIG. 4, corresponding to original FIG. 4. The proposed amendment is noted in red ink for the Examiner's consideration. The reasons and basis for amending the drawings are fully set forth in the accompanying Amendment filed concurrently herewith.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 1999, applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, line 28, delete "amongst".

Page 5, line 13, before "plurality" delete "said";

line 17, delete "said";

line 18, delete "said".